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FROM CAPTAIN CHARLES SMITH.

FORT LOUDOUN Sept. 7th 1758

DR SIR/

your Letter of the first come safe to my hand, which I sent the Inclos'd Emediately to
Hardwick & Desired him at the same time to write you Every Particular

I have kept, an Exact Accout. of your smith's work Done for the Public & Privet People,
I have Wrote to the Governour for a small Supply, to Discharge some Diferent Accots.
Against the Contry & with all to buy some Necessaryes Shuch as nales, to Shingle the
Barrax as I have most of my Timbers in —

The stone work of the south Bast End is intirely Droping out & without a Preaty Deal of
Labour, the Whole must Fall before Winter as I have stone & Lime if you think Proper I will
Employ a mason to Rectefie the same an on as Reasonable Terms As Can be got —

you never wrote to me concerning Christopr. Hensley a Deserter from Your Regt. from
the great Meadoes the Yr. of 54 he is an Exstronary Good hand for Assisting about the
Buildings at this Place as there is, an Absolute Necessity to keep some men Labouring —

am I to make my Pay 'Roles for the Month of Augt. concluding Davis Trottor Allsberg
Bolton Hensley who has Recvd. no Subsistence since been here

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The men is very Sickly here with Different Disorders I employ'd a Doctr. for some time but has Discharg'd him by Reason his being Extravagant & noing but Little of Phisick

I Receiv'd your trunk by the waggons which I will take care to send Down by the firs safe Oppertunity.

I was oblig to keep Burris one Day after he came from Alexandrey, there being many Gentlemen at cort [court?] wanting to write to their friends at camp & withall to send the Last Papers up, I have kept a hors Burris Woode¹ Down here very Poor, which most People says he is yours, & as Mr Hughs wants to send his Rideing horse Down I have sent one for Bagage for him —

I Receiv'd a Desertion Yeasterday Name David Davis who belong'd to Colo. Stephen's Detachmt. which I shall send up by Lieut. King

I have sent you Eight Dozn. eggs & 6lb of Allmonds, by Lieut. King which I hope will Get safe to hand, if you should want any Particular Necessary's up by the convoy of waggons I hope you will make free of writing to me Mentioning the Particulars —

I Emagin you have heard of poor Colo. Spotward Dying about seven Days ago & old Colo. Russell is dead.

by all Accot. there is a worse Prospect of corn & Tobacco as ever has been in Virginia

I have Inquire'd of Everyone about your mare but can get no Account of her, it is talkt of by some People the man you bought her off keeps her in Possession which I am Desiread not to advertise her yet, & to send a Private Peson [person] to his house I intend this Day to Concult with Mrs. Sniggers & see if I can get him to go up, I am informd a Mare you bough of Capt. Linsey's son is gone to her old walks on Spout Run this I shall Inquire into

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your Peter is extreamly ill I believe with the Pleurisy, I have Hired a Dutch Smith for a few Days, until he gets better

we have got the well 103 Feet Deep, but no likelehood of water yet, I have no more to add, but Dr Sir. Believe

I am Your Friend & most Obedt.

Hhble. Servt. CHS. SMITH

¹ Probably intended for "rode."